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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 01/11/06 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant does not provide reasons for the allowability of claim 23. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**
2. Applicant was given a complete examination of the claims which included the introducing of a pressurized purge gas to the conduit. New claims 20 and 23 no longer require these limitations so it is not clear if those claims are patentable. The applicant should expect a restriction requirement in response to applicant's future submission to the Patent Office.

Conclusion

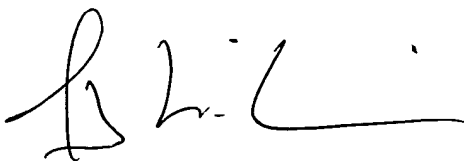
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Troy Chambers whose telephone number is (571) 272-6874 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., M-F. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone, can be reached at (571) 272-6873.

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